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In re Patent Application of:	
Yannis LABROU et al.	
Application No.: 10/628,583	Group Art Unit: 3621
Confirmation No. 4123	

For: FRAMEWORK AND SYSTEM FOR PURCHASING OF GOODS AND SERVICES

## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56, there is hereby provided certain information that the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

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4.			mation Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(d) after the period in paragraph 3 above, but on or before payment of the Issue Fee, AND The § 1.97(e) Statement in Item 5 below is applicable; AND The \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is:	
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		6b. 🗌	Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were not previously cited in prior application Serial No, filed on, and which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date for the subject application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, are provided herewith.	

3 Serial No.: 10/628,583 7. This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114. (Check either Item 7a or 7b) The Issue Fee has not been paid. 7a. I I 7b. A Petition to Withdraw from issue under 37 CFR § 1.313(c) is filed concurrently herewith or has been granted. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114, after payment of the Issue Fee, is proper in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.114(a), respectively. This is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. (Check either Item 8a or 8b) This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 8a. □ 1.97(f) supplements the Information Disclosure Statement filed on . A bona fide attempt was made to comply with 37 CFR § 1.98, but inadvertent omissions were made. These omissions have been corrected herein. Accordingly, additional time is requested so that this Supplemental IDS can be considered as if properly filed on ... This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is timely filed within 8b. | | one (1) month of the Notice under 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, mailed ... 9. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98, a concise explanation of what is presently understood to be the relevance of each non-English language publication is: (Check appropriate Items 9a, 9b, 9c and/or 9d) 9a. 🖂 satisfied for the non-English language publication(s) cited on the enclosed "English language version of the search report or action which indicates the

9a. Satisfied for the non-English language publication(s) cited on the enclosed "English language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office". (See MPEP § 609, Minimum Requirements for an Information Disclosure Statement, Part A(3): Concise Explanation of Relevance, 8th Ed., Rev. 2)

9b. set forth in the application.

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11. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17 for this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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## EXPLANATIONS OF RELEVANCY OF REFERENCES

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